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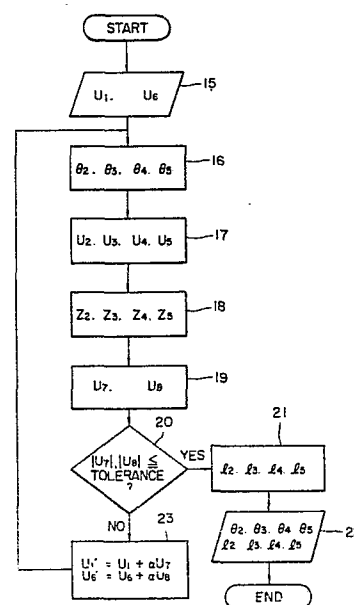
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Method of correcting unbalance of a rotating body.

In a method of correcting the unbalance of a rotating body (Fig. 5, R), data relating to initial unbalanced amounts or weights (U_1, U_6) at two predetermined correcting planes axially spaced and passing through the body is processed to determine correcting positions (2 to 5) and corrective machining weights (u_2 to u_5). The correcting positions and corrective machining weights are used for calculating the location of each center of gravity of each corrective machining portion and residual unbalanced amounts (U_7, U_8) in the axial direction on the assumption that corrective machining has been effected. The value of each of the residual unbalanced amounts will be compared with a predetermined value corresponding to its tolerance. If the value exceeds the tolerance, new initial unbalanced amounts or new correcting planes are assumed so that the new data will be converted into new initial information (U_1', U_6' ; Fig. 11, $U''(Z_1')$, $U''(Z_6')$) to be fed back to the original step (16) of processing the initial unbalanced amounts. By repeating the operating processes (16 to 23) the residual unbalanced amounts will be within the tolerance so that accurate corrective machining can be effected, balancing the rotating body with a one-time machining.



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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD OF CORRECTING UNBALANCE OF A ROTATING BODY

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to a method of correcting unbalance in a rotating body, such as a rotor of an electrical motor or the like, and more particularly the present invention relates to such a method in which holes or grooves are made in the rotating body by feeding a drill or a milling cutter in a direction parallel to the axis of the rotating body.

As a conventional method of determining or modifying the corrective amount(s) or weight(s) in view of a measured unbalanced values, a method of making a hole or holes in a radial direction of a rotating body is known. However, since the depth of drill cutting is not proportional to the corrective amount achieved thereby, the corrective amount has to be corrected or modified by some measures.

Some motor rotors have a structure which does not suite for making holes in its radial direction because of its laminated core. In such a case, although it is necessary to correct unbalance by machining the rotor with a milling cutter or drill fed in a direction parallel to the axis of the rotor, residual unbalance is apt to occur due to the deviation of ceter of gravity of the removing weight from each correcting plane. The occurrence of such residual unbalance is known as a correcting plane error.

1 Since the correcting plane error affects not only the
2 corrective amount of the plane but also the other correcting
3 plane which is located in the vicinity of the other end of
4 the rotor, recorection of the corrective amounts at both the
5 correcting planes have been thought impossible.

6 In the conventional techniques, in order to avoid such
7 errors, the corrective machining length in the direction of
8 the axis is made as small as possible or a milling machining
9 method has been adopted for putting the center of gravity of
10 the removing weight at the same position all the time.

11 In the case that the distance between two correcting
12 planes is very small, the ratio between the unbalanced amount
13 after correction and initial unbalanced amount is only 1/2 to
14 1/4. Therefore, in order to obtain necessary dynamic balance
15 it has been necessary hitherto to repeat measurments and
16 corrections several times in either case of automatic
17 correction or manual correction. For this reason, the
18 conventional method for obtaning balance of a rotating body
19 has suffered from a problem that it takes a long time and
20 that the working cost and balancing equipment cost are high.

21 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

22 The present invention has been achived in order to
23 remove the above-mentioned disadvantages and drawbacks
24 inherent to the conventional method of correcting the dynamic
25 unbalance in a rotating body.

1 It is, therefore, an object of the preent invention to
2 provide a method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
3 rotating body so that dynamic balance can be obtained with a
4 one-time machining, reducing the working cost and balacing
5 equipment cost.

6 According to the feature of the present invention,
7 initial unbalanced amount information or data is processed in
8 a computer so that necessary corrective machining data will
9 be obtained by performing simulation.

10 In accordance with the feature of the present
11 invention there is provided a method of correcting the
12 dynamic unbalance of a rotating body by either adding or
13 subtracting corrective amounts in the axial direction of said
14 rotating body having an unbalanced amount with respect to its
15 axis, comprising: a first step of determining correcting
16 positions and corrective machining weights in accordance with
17 information ralating to initial unbalanced amounts at two
18 predetermined correcting planes which are axially spaced and
19 passing through said rotating body; a second step of
20 calculating the position of center of gravity of each
21 corrective machining portion on the assumption that
22 corrective machining of said rotating body is effected in
23 accordance with said correcting positions and said corective
24 machining weights; a third step of calculating residual
25 unbalanced amounts, which are located in said axial

1 direction, from said correcting positions and said corrective
2 machining weights; a fourth step of judging whether one or
3 both of said residual unbalanced amounts is within a given
4 range or not; a fifth step of calculating machining amounts
5 corresponding to said unbalanced amounts in the case that one
6 or both of said residual unbalanced amounts has been detected
7 to be within said given range in said fourth step; a sixth
8 step of feeding back new initial unbalanced amounts, which
9 are obtained from said residual unbalanced amount and said
10 initial unbalanced amounts, to said first step in the case
11 that one or both of said residual unbalanced amounts is out
12 of said given range; and a seventh step of machining said
13 rotating body for correcting said dynamic unbalance in
14 accordance with said machining amounts obtained from said
15 fifth step and by said correcting positions determined in
16 said first step.

17 In accordance with the feature of the present
18 invention there is also provided a method of correcting the
19 dynamic unbalance of a rotating body by either adding or
20 subtracting corrective amounts in the axial direction of said
21 rotating body having an unbalanced amount with respect to its
22 axis, comprising: a first step of determining correcting
23 positions and each corrective machining weight in accordance
24 with information relating to initial unbalanced amounts at
25 two pretermined correcting planes which are axially space and

1 passing through said rotating body; a second step of
2 calculating the position of each center of gravity of a
3 corrective machining portion on the assumption that
4 corrective machining of said rotating body is effected in
5 accordance with said correcting positions and said each
6 corrective machining weight; a third step of calculating
7 residual unbalanced amounts, which are located in said axial
8 direction, from said correcting positions and said corrective
9 machining weights; a fourth step of judging whether one or
10 both of said residual unbalanced amounts is within a given
11 range or not; a fifth step of calculating machining amounts
12 corresponding to said unbalanced amounts in the case that one
13 or both of said residual unbalanced amounts has been detected
14 to be within said given range in said fourth step; a sixth
15 step of feeding back newly set initial unbalanced amounts to
16 said first step in the case that one or both of said residual
17 unbalanced amounts is out of said predetermined range, said
18 newly set initial unbalanced amounts being obtained by
19 assuming two new correcting planes each including the
20 location of said center of gravity obtained in said second
21 step and by calculating information relating to the unbalance
22 at the assumed planes from information relating to the
23 location of said center of gravity of said corrective
24 machining portions and from said initial unbalanced amounts,
25 said information relating to unbalance at the assumed planes

1 being converted into information relating to said newly set
2 initial unbalanced amounts; and a seventh step of machining
3 said rotating body for correcting said dynamic unbalance in
4 accordance with said machining amounts obtained from said
5 fifth step and by said correcting positions determined in
6 said first step.

7 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

8 The object and features of the present invention will
9 become more readily apparent from the following detailed
10 description of the preferred embodiments taken in conjunction
11 with the accompanying drawings in which:

12 Figs. 1 and 2 show views of machining a rotating body
13 by means of a milling cutter and a drill for correcting
14 dynamic unbalance;

15 Fig. 3 is a flowchart showing an embodiment of the
16 operating steps for performing the method according to the
17 present invention;

18 Fig. 4 is schematic view of a rotor of an electrical
19 motor which is an example of an objective of the method
20 according to the present invention;

21 Fig. 5 is a schematic perspective view of the rotor of
22 Fig. 4, showing various vectors used in the calculation of
23 the method of Fig. 3;

24 Fig. 6 is a vector diagram showing a calculating
25 process in the present invention method;

1 Fig. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view of the rotor
2 of Figs. 4 and 5, showing the way of machining by means of a
3 milling cutter;

4 Fig. 8 is a graphical representation showing the
5 relationship between corrective weight and machining length,
6 and between corrective weight and position of center of
7 gravity of a removing portion;

8 Fig. 9 is view showing a conventional correcting
9 method;

10 Fig. 10 is a graphical representation showing the
11 relationship between the depth of drill cutting in the
12 conventional method of Fig. 9 and corrective unbalanced
13 amount;

14 Fig. 11 is a flowchart showing another embodiment of
15 the operating steps for performing the method according to
16 the present invention; and

17 Fig. 12 is a schematic perspective view of the rotor
18 of Fig. 4, showing various vectors used in the calculation of
19 the method of Fig. 11;

20 The same or corresponding elements and parts are
21 designated at like numerals throughout the drawings.

22 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

23 Prior to describing the embodiments of the present
24 invention, the above-mentioned conventional method will be
25 further discussed for better understanding of the present

1 invention.

2 Fig. 9 shows a conventional method of making holes in
3 a rotating body R in the radial direction of the rotating body
4 R. The reference G indicates the center of gravity of
5 removing weight of a removing portion indicated by dotted
6 lines. The reference "r" indicates the radius of the center
7 of gravity G. The reference G' and "r'" respectively
8 indicate the center of gravity and the radius of the same in
9 connection with another hole.

10 Fig. 10 is a graphical representation of unbalance
11 corrective amount with respect to the depth of drill cutting.
12 From the curve of Fig. 10, it will be understood that the
13 unbalance corrective amount is not proportional to the depth
14 of drill cutting when cutting hole(s) is/are made in the
15 radial direction.

16 Figs. 1 and 2 respectively show other conventional
17 methods. In Figs. 1 and 2, the references A and B
18 respectively indicate correcting planes axially spaced and
19 normal to the axis of the rotation of the rotor R so that the
20 correcting planes A and B pass through the rotor R. The
21 reference L indicates the distance between these two
22 correcting planes A and B. The references UA and UB indicate
23 removing weights corresponding to the weight of the material
24 removed from the rotating body R by machining for
25 neutralizing the unbalanced amounts. Fig. 1 illustrates a

1 way of removing the material by means of a milling cutter M,
2 while Fig. 2 illustrates a way of removing the material by
3 means of a drill D. In both Figs. 1 and 2, the milling
4 cutter M and the drill D are fed in a direction parallel to
5 the axis of the rotating body R. The axis is usually
6 included in the shaft S of the rotating body R. The center
7 of gravity of the removed portion is indicated by the
8 reference G in connection with the left correcting plane A,
9 while the center of gravity of the removed portion is
10 indicated by the reference G' in connection with the right
11 correcting plane B.

12 Although the centers of gravity G and G' should be on
13 the correcting planes A and B respectively, the positions of
14 the centers of gravity G and G' are apt to be deviated or
15 shifted from the correcting planes A and B due to errors.
16 Assuming that the left center of gravity G has been deviated
17 from the left correcting plane A by Δl_A , residual unbalance
18 expressed in terms of $\frac{\Delta l_A}{L}UA$ occurs at the left correcting
19 plane A, while another residual unbalance expressed in terms
20 of $-\frac{\Delta l_A}{L}UA$ occurs at the right correcting plane B. In the
21 same manner, the deviation of the right center of gravity G'
22 results in the occurrence of residual unbalance at the left
23 and right correcting planes A and B. The occurrence of such
24 residual unbalance is known as correcting plane errors.
25 Since the amount of correction at each of the left and right

1 correcting planes A and B affects reciprocally, recorection
2 of the corrective amounts has been impossible hitherto.

3 The present invention will be described with referene
4 to Figs. 3 to 8 hereinbelow. Fig. 3 is a flowchart showing
5 all the processes in a computer used for performing the
6 method according to the present invention. Fig. 4 shows a
7 rotating body R which is an objective of correction so that
8 the rotating body R will be balanced. The rotating body R of
9 Fig. 4 is a rotor of a small commutator-motor, and the rotor
10 R has twelve slots 10 radially extending from the axis
11 thereof. The reference numeral 11 indicates the core of the
12 rotor R, and the correction of the dynamic unbalance of the
13 rotor R is effected by cutting away the outer periphery of
14 the rotor by means of a drum-shaped milling cutter 14 which
15 is fed in the direction parallel to the axis of the rotor R.
16 In the illustrated example, two peripheral portions 12 and 13
17 are simultaneously machined. The number of peripheral
18 portions to be machined may be changed in accordance with the
19 width of the milling cutter 14. In the above, the periphery
20 of the drum-shaped milling cutter 14 is concaved to the outer
21 shape of the core 11 as shown in Fig. 4.

22 Fig. 5 is a vector diagram showing the balancing
23 condition of the rotor R of Fig. 4. Measured initial
24 unbalance vectors U1 and U6 reside in end planes which are
25 respectively expressed by $Z = Z_1$ and $Z = Z_6$. Corrective

1 vectors U2, U3, U4 and U5 respectively reside in planes
2 expressed by $Z = Z_2$, $Z = Z_3$, $Z = Z_4$ and $Z = Z_5$, where each of
3 the planes $Z = Z_2$, $Z = Z_3$, $Z = Z_4$ and $Z = Z_5$ includes the
4 center of gravity of each corresponding corrective weight.
5 It is assumed that residual unbalance vectors U7 and U8
6 respectively reside in the planes $Z = Z_1$ and $Z = Z_6$ in the
7 same manner as the initial unbalance vectors U1 and U6.

8 Turning back to Fig. 3, the reference 15 designates a
9 step of inputting the initial unbalanced amounts. In this
10 step, the initial unbalanced amounts U1 and U6, which have
11 been measured by a conventional dynamic balance tester, are
12 applied to a computer which is used for performing the method
13 according to the present invention. Each of the unbalanced
14 amounts U1 and U6 is expressed in terms of an unbalanced
15 weight u_1 and u_6 (unit: grams) and direction θ_1 and θ_6 (unit:
16 degrees) to be cut away.

17 A step 16 of determining the corrective angles follows
18 the above-mentioned step 15. In this step 16, the directions
19 of the corrective vectors U2 and U3 for correcting the
20 initial unbalance U1, namely the directions of the core 11 to
21 be cut away which directions are expressed in angles θ_2 and θ_3
22 (unit: degrees), are determined in such a manner that the
23 following relationship is satisfied:

24 $\theta_2 \leq \theta_1 < \theta_3 = \theta_2 + 30^\circ$

25 wherein $\theta_2 = 0^\circ, 30^\circ, 60^\circ \dots 330^\circ$

1 The directions θ_4 and θ_5 of other corrective vectors U_4 and
2 U_5 for correcting the other initial unbalance vector U_6 are
3 determined in the same manner as in the above.

4 A step 17 following the step 16 is for determining the
5 corrective weights. In this step 17, the magnitudes u_2 and
6 u_3 (unit: grams) of the corrective vectors U_2 and U_3 for U_1
7 are determined by the static balancing condition at the plane
8 $Z = Z_1$ as shown in Fig. 6 without considering the effect of
9 center gravity shifting. Namely, u_2 and u_3 are respectively
10 given by:

11
$$u_2 = \frac{\sin(\theta_3 - \theta_1)}{\sin(\theta_3 - \theta_2)} u_1$$

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$$u_3 = \frac{\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{\sin(\theta_3 - \theta_2)} u_1$$

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15 The magnitudes u_4 and u_5 of the corrective vectors U_4
16 and U_5 for U_6 are calculated in the same manne as follows:

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$$u_4 = \frac{\sin(\theta_5 - \theta_6)}{\sin(\theta_5 - \theta_4)} u_6$$

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$$u_5 = \frac{\sin(\theta_6 - \theta_4)}{\sin(\theta_5 - \theta_4)} u_6$$

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21 In a following step 18 of calculating the center of
22 gravity location, the distance Z_0 between the end surface E_1
23 of the rotor R and the center of gravity G (see Fig. 7) of
24 the portion to be removed from the end surface E_1 is obtained
25 in connection with respective removing weights u_2 , u_3 , u_4 and

1 u5. Namely, the position of each center of gravity is
2 obtained under an assumption that machining or cutting has
3 been effected to remove the corrective weight u2, u3, u4 or
4 u5. The distance between the end surface E1 and the center
5 of gravity G2 of the removing weight u2 is expressed in terms
6 of Z02. In the same manner, like distances Z03 to Z05
7 between the end surface E1 and the centers of gravity G3, G4
8 and G5 of the removing weights u3, u4 and u5 are obtained.
9 From these distances Z02 to Z05, the Z ordinates of the
10 working points of the corrective vectors U2, U3, U4 and U5
11 will be obtained as follows:

$$12 \quad Z2 = Z1 + Z02, \quad Z3 = Z1 + Z03$$

$$13 \quad Z4 = Z6 - Z04, \quad Z5 = Z6 - Z05$$

14 In the above, since it is difficult to directly obtain
15 the positions Z0 of the centers of gravity from the removing
16 weights "u", while it requires much time for the calculation,
17 in practice, the value of Z0 will be approximated as follows:
18 Namely, a plurality of corrective weights "u" corresponding
19 to a plurality of machining or cutting lengths ℓ (see Fig.
20 7), and the distances Z0 indicating the position of the
21 centers of gravity of the respective removing portions are
22 obtained in advance. Then curves obtained from the above
23 data will be plotted on a graph as shown in Fig. 8. From the
24 graph of Fig 8, the corrective machining amount and the
25 center of gravity location may be respectively expressed by

1 way of polynominal approximations expressed in terms of
2 $l = f(u)$ and $Z_0 = g(u)$. The values Z_0 may be obtained by
3 substituting the values of "u" into these formulas.
4 Alternatively, the values of "u" may be divided into a
5 plurality of sections so that each section is represented by
6 a corresponding formula, allowing substitution of the values
7 of "u" to find the values of Z_0 .

8 A following step 19 is for calculating the residual
9 unbalanced amounts U_7 and U_8 , and in this step, residual
10 unbalanced amounts U_7 and U_8 , which will be left when the
11 corrective machining is made in accordance with the data
12 determined by the steps 16, 17 and 18, are derived from a
13 formula of dynamic balance. The condition for the dynamic
14 balance of the rotor shown in Fig. 5 is that the following
15 two equations are fulfilled, representing the residual
16 unbalanced amounts by U_7 and U_8 .

17 Resultant unbalance = $U_1 - U_2 - U_3 - U_4 - U_5 + U_6 - U_7 - U_8$
18 $= 0$

19 Resultant moment = $Z_1U_1 - Z_2U_2 - Z_3U_3 - Z_4U_4 - Z_5U_5 + Z_6U_6 -$
20 $Z_1U_7 - Z_6U_8 = 0$

21 From the above formula of resultant unbalance, a
22 relationship of $U_7 = -U_8$ is derived, and this relationship is
23 substituted in the formula of resultant moment to obtain U_8
24 as follows:

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$$U_8 = \frac{1}{Z_6 - Z_1} (Z_1U_2 - Z_2U_2 - Z_3U_3 - Z_4U_4 - Z_5U_5 + Z_6U_6)$$

1 The values of the residual unbalanced amounts U7 and U8 are
2 respectively obtained from the above operations. In actual
3 vector calculation, the vector components may be divided into
4 "x" component and "y" component. In the above formula for
5 obtaining the residual unbalanced amounts, initial unbalanced
6 amounts, which have been actually measured, are used as the
7 values of U1 and U6. Namely, substituted U1' and U6'
8 obtained in a new-initial unbalanced amounts determining step
9 23 of Fig. 3 are not used for these values..

10 In a step 20 of judging, which follows the step 19, it
11 is detected whether the absolute values |U7| and |U8| of the
12 residual unbalanced amounts U7 and U8 are smaller than their
13 tolerances or not. If the absolute values are within the
14 tolerances, a following step 21 for calculating machining
15 length will takes place because the unbalanced amounts are
16 negligibly small. In the step 21, machining lengths ℓ_2 , ℓ_3 ,
17 ℓ_4 , and ℓ_5 respectively corresponding to corrective weights
18 u_2 , u_3 , u_4 and u_5 are calculated by the formula of $\ell = f(u)$
19 described in connection with the step 18 for caculating the
20 position of center of gravity.

21 After the step 21, a machining data emitting step 22
22 will take place. In this step 22, θ_2 , θ_3 , θ_4 , θ_5 , ℓ_2 , ℓ_3 , ℓ_4
23 and ℓ_5 will be emitted from the computer as machining data,
24 completing all the calculations.

25 If the condition in the judging step 20 is not

1 fulfilled, the step 23 is executed in place of the step 21.
2 The step 23 is for determining new initial unbalanced amounts
3 $U1'$ and $U6'$ by adding the residual unbalanced amounts $U7$ and
4 $U8$ to the initial unbalanced amounts $U1$ and $U6$ as follows:

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$$U1' = U1 + \alpha U7$$

6
$$U6' = U6 + \alpha U8$$

7 In the above, α is a constant for speeding up the
8 convergence of the solution. The data $U1'$ and $U6'$ obtained
9 in the step 23 are returned to the correcting angle
10 determining step 16, so that $U1$ and $U6$ will be substituted
11 with $U1'$ and $U6'$. The steps from 16 to 20 are executed in
12 the same manner as described in the above using $U1'$ and $U6'$.
13 Calculations in the steps 16 to 19 will be repeated until the
14 condition of the judging step 20 is fulfilled. As a result,
15 machining data which satisfies the condition of the step 20
16 will be finally emitted in the step 22.

17 In the above-described embodiment, although the
18 correcting planes $Z = Z1$ and $Z = Z6$ are respectively set at
19 the both end surfaces $E1$ and $E2$ of the rotor R , these
20 correcting planes may be set arbitrarily. Furthermore,
21 although it has been described that correction of the dynamic
22 unbalance is perfectly effected at two planes, it is possible
23 to leave a given amount of residual unbalance on purpose by
24 adjusting the amount of corrective machining if desired.

25 The residual unbalanced amounts may be obtained in a

1 different way from the above-described one. According to
2 this method, which may constitute a modification of the above
3 described first embodiment, the two formulas relating to the
4 balancing condition, which are described in connection with
5 the residual unbalanced amount calculating step 19, are not
6 used. Namely, residual unbalanced amounts at the planes A
7 and B of Fig. 1 will be obtained as follows based on the fact
8 that the corrective amount UA at the plane A results in the
9 occurrence of residual unbalance of $\frac{\Delta l_A}{L}UA$ and $-\frac{\Delta l_A}{L}UA$ at the
10 planes A and B, while the corrective amount UB at the plane B
11 results in the occurrence of residual unbalance of $-\frac{\Delta l_B}{L}UB$
12 and $\frac{\Delta l_B}{L}UB$ at the planes A and B:

$$13 \quad UA' = UA + \frac{\Delta l_A}{L}UA - \frac{\Delta l_B}{L}UB$$

$$14 \quad UB' = UB - \frac{\Delta l_A}{L}UA + \frac{\Delta l_B}{L}UB$$

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17 Therefore, by effecting corrective machining
18 corresponding to U'A and U'B in place of effecting corrective
19 machining corresponding to UA and UB, it is possible to
20 modify the amount of corrective machining. This
21 substantially corresponds to performing feedback of the
22 amount of residual unbalance once in the calculating process
23 of Fig. 1.

24 Furthermore, although the first embodiment has been
25 described in connection with a case of two components of

1 force of each correcting plane whose corrective machining
2 position has been limited, similar calculating processes may
3 be applied to other cases, such as a case that the corrective
4 machining direction is not limited, a case that no component
5 of force is required or a case of more than two components of
6 force. In the first embodiment, the shifting of the center
7 of gravity of the corrective weight portion in the direction
8 Z by milling cutter machining is taken into account as shown
9 in Fig. 7, while slight shifting Δr of the center of gravity
10 in the radial direction shown in Fig. 1 has been ignored.
11 However, the value of Δr may be obtained by adding calculation
12 to calculating step 18 of Fig. 3, so that this component may
13 be included by substituting the same by using $(1 + \frac{\Delta r}{r})u$ in
14 place of "u" in the step of calculating the residual
15 unbalanced amounts.

16 Another modification or embodiment will be described
17 with reference to Figs. 11 and 12. Fig. 11 is a flowchart,
18 and in this flowchart, a step 15 of inputting initial
19 unbalanced amounts, a step 16 of determining corrective
20 angles and a step 17 of determining corrective weights are
21 performed in the same manner as in the above-described
22 embodiment. However, the step 18 of calculating the locations
23 of centers of gravity is changed as follows: Namely, in
24 addition to the calculation of the step 18 of Fig. 3, the step
25 18' of Fig. 11 comprises calculating steps for obtaining

1 centers of gravity $Z1'$ and $Z6'$ which are respectively
2 imagined as the resultant centers of gravity between the two
3 vectors $U2$ and $U3$ and between the other two vectors $U4$ and
4 $U5$. In detail, the positions $Z1'$ AND $Z6'$ of the resultant
5 centers of gravity $U2$ and $U3$ will be given by:

$$Z1' = \frac{u2Z2 + u3Z3}{u2 + u3}$$

$$Z6' = \frac{u4Z4 + u5Z5}{u4 + u5}$$

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10 The following step 19 of calculating residual
11 unbalanced amounts, the step 20 of judging, the step 21 of
12 calculating machining lengths and the step 22 of emitting
13 machining data are the same as in the flowchart of Fig. 3.
14 The new initial unbalanced amounts determining step 23 of
15 Fig. 3 is replaced with a correcting plane converting step
16 23' in Fig. 11. In this step 23', the initial unbalanced
17 amounts $U1(u1, \theta1)$ and $U6(u6, \theta6)$ at the predetermined
18 correcting planes $Z = Z1$ and $Z = Z6$ are converted into
19 initial unbalanced amounts $U1''(u1'', \theta1'')$ and $U6''(u6'', \theta6'')$ at
20 Z ordinates $Z = Z1'$ and $Z = Z6'$ which have been obtained in
21 the step 18' of calculating center of gravity positions.
22 Formulas for effecting this conversion are also derived from
23 the formulas of dynamic balance. According to these
24 formulas:

$$\text{Resultant unbalance} = U1 + U6 = U1'' + U6''$$

$$\text{Resultant moment} = Z1U1 + Z6U6 = Z1'U1'' + Z6'U6''$$

1 From these formulas $U1''$ and $U6''$ are given by:

2
$$U1'' = \frac{(Z6' - Z1)U1 - (Z6 - Z6')U6}{Z6' - Z1'}$$

3
$$U6'' = \frac{-(Z1' - Z1)U1 + (Z6 - Z1')U6}{Z6' - Z1'}$$

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6 Then the values of $U1''$ and $U6''$ are returned or fed

7 back to the step 16 of determining correcting angles so that

8 $U1$ and $U6$ will be replaced. The following calculating steps

9 are repeated so that each of the correcting planes at the

10 time of indicating dynamic unbalance will closely approach the

11 position of the center of gravity of the corrective machining

12 portion. As a result, it is possible to cancel so called

13 correcting plane errors, and therefore, machining data

14 fulfilling the condition of the judging step 20 will be

15 emitted.

16 In the above-described embodiments of the present

17 invention, the rotor is machined by means of a milling cutter,

18 drill or the like so as to remove a given amount or weight

19 therefrom. However, in place of removing a corrective amount

20 or weight, a corresponding corrective amount may be added to

21 the rotor. For instance, several holes may be made axially in

22 the rotor in advance, and corrective weights may be filled in

23 some of these holes to offset the unbalance.

24 From the foregoing description, it will be understood

25 that the solution for the corrective machining amounts, which

1 provides dynamic balance of a rotating body, can be obtained
2 by performing operations in a computer in a correcting
3 apparatus in such a manner that measurement and corrective
4 machining are repeatedly simulated. Consequently, the
5 solution, which has been difficult to obtain with a high
6 accuracy hitherto, can be found with relatively simple steps,
7 while the accuracy of the solution is sufficiently high in
8 practical use. According to the present invention, since
9 there is no need to repeat measurements and machinings because
10 high accuracy in balance can be obtained by machining the
11 rotating body once, the cost required for balancing work can
12 be reduced, while the cost of an automatic correcting
13 apparatus can also be reduced. The above-described
14 embodiments are just examples of the present invention, and
15 therefore, it will be apparent for those skilled in the art
16 that many modifications and variations may be made without
17 departing from the spirit of the present invention.

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CLAIMS

1 ~~WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:~~

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3 1. A method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
4 rotating body by either adding or subtracting corrective
5 amounts in the axial direction of said rotating body having
6 an unbalanced amount with respect to its axis, comprising:

7 (a) a first step of determining correcting positions
8 and corrective machining weights in accordance with
9 information relating to initial unbalanced amounts at two
10 predetermined correcting planes which are axially spaced and
11 passing through said rotating body;

12 (b) a second step of calculating the position of
13 center of gravity of each corrective machining portion on the
14 assumption that corrective machining of said rotating body is
15 effected in accordance with said correcting positions and
16 said corrective machining weights;

17 (c) a third step of calculating residual unbalanced
18 amounts, which are located in said axial direction, from said
19 correcting positions and said corrective machining weights;

20 (d) a fourth step of judging whether one or both of
21 said residual unbalanced amounts is within a given range or
22 not;

23 (e) a fifth step of calculating machining amounts
24 corresponding to said unbalanced amounts in the case that one
25 or both of said residual unbalanced amounts has been detected
26 to be within said given range in said fourth step;

1 (f) a sixth step of feeding back new initial
2 unbalanced amounts, which are obtained from said residual
3 unbalanced amount and said initial unbalanced amounts, to
4 said first step in the case that one or both of said residual
5 unbalanced amounts is out of said given range; and

6 (g) a seventh step of machining said rotating body
7 for correcting said dynamic unbalance in accordance with said
8 machining amounts obtained from said fifth step and by said
9 correcting positions determined in said first step.

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11 2. A method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
12 rotating body by either adding or subtracting corrective
13 amounts in the axial direction of said rotating body having
14 ~~an unbalanced amount with respect to its axis, comprising:~~

15 (a) a first step of determining correcting positions
16 and each corrective machining weight in accordance with
17 information relating to initial unbalanced amounts at two
18 pretermned correcting planes which are axially space and
19 passing through said rotating body;

20 (b) a second step of calculating the position of each
21 center of gravity of a corrective machining portion on the
22 assumption that corrective machining of said rotating body is
23 effected in accordance with said correcting positions and
24 said each corrective machining weight;

25 (c) a third step of calculating residual unbalanced
26 amounts, which are located in said axial direction, from said

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1 correcting positions and said corrective machining weights;

2 (d) a fourth step of judging whether one or both of
3 said residual unbalanced amounts is within a given range or
4 not;

5 (e) a fifth step of calculating machining amounts
6 corresponding to said unbalanced amounts in the case that one
7 or both of said residual unbalanced amounts has been detected
8 to be within said given range in said fourth step;

9 (f) a sixth step of feeding back newly set initial
10 unbalanced amounts to said first step in the case that one or
11 both of said residual unbalanced amounts is out of said
12 predetermined range, said newly set initial unbalanced
13 amounts being obtained by assuming two new correcting planes
14 each including the location of said center of gravity
15 obtained in said second step and by calculating information
16 relating to the unbalance at the assumed planes from
17 information relating to the location of said center of
18 gravity of said corrective machining portions and from said
19 initial unbalanced amounts, said information relating to
20 unbalance at the assumed planes being converted into
21 information relating to said newly set initial unbalanced
22 amounts; and

23 (g) a seventh step of machining said rotating body
24 for correcting said dynamic unbalance in accordance with said
25 machining amounts obtained from said fifth step and by said
26 correcting positions determined in said first step.

1 3. A method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
2 rotating body as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein said
3 correcting positions are located along the circumference of
4 said rotating body at a given angle interval.
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6 4. A method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
7 rotating body as claimed in Claim 3, wherein each of vectors
8 indicative of said initial unbalanced amounts is resolved
9 into a plurality of vectors located at said correcting
10 positions which are located with given angles so that said
11 correcting positions and said corrective machining weights
12 are respectively found.
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14 5. A method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
15 rotating body as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each said new
16 initial unbalanced amounts is obtained by adding a function
17 of said residual unbalanced amount to said initial unbalanced
18 amount.
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20 6. A method of correcting the dynamic unbalance of a
21 rotating body as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said second step
22 comprises a step of calculating the location of each
23 resultant center of gravity of two adjacent corrective vectors
24 which are vector components of each of said initial
25 unbalanced amounts.

FIG. 1

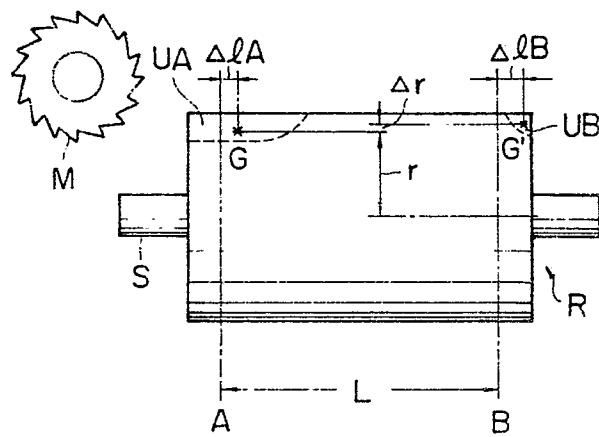


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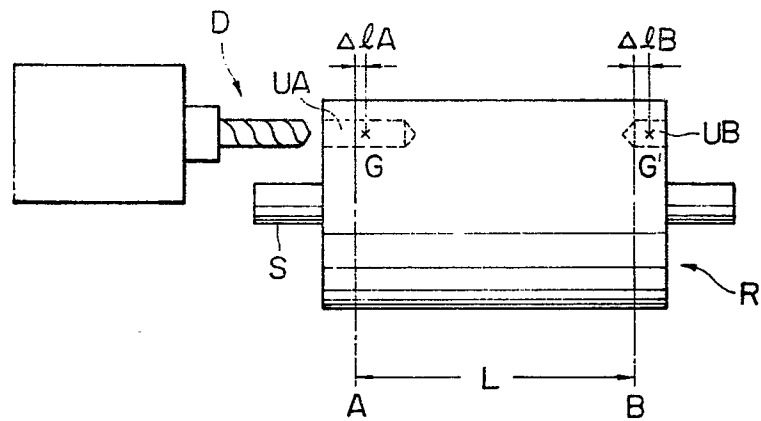


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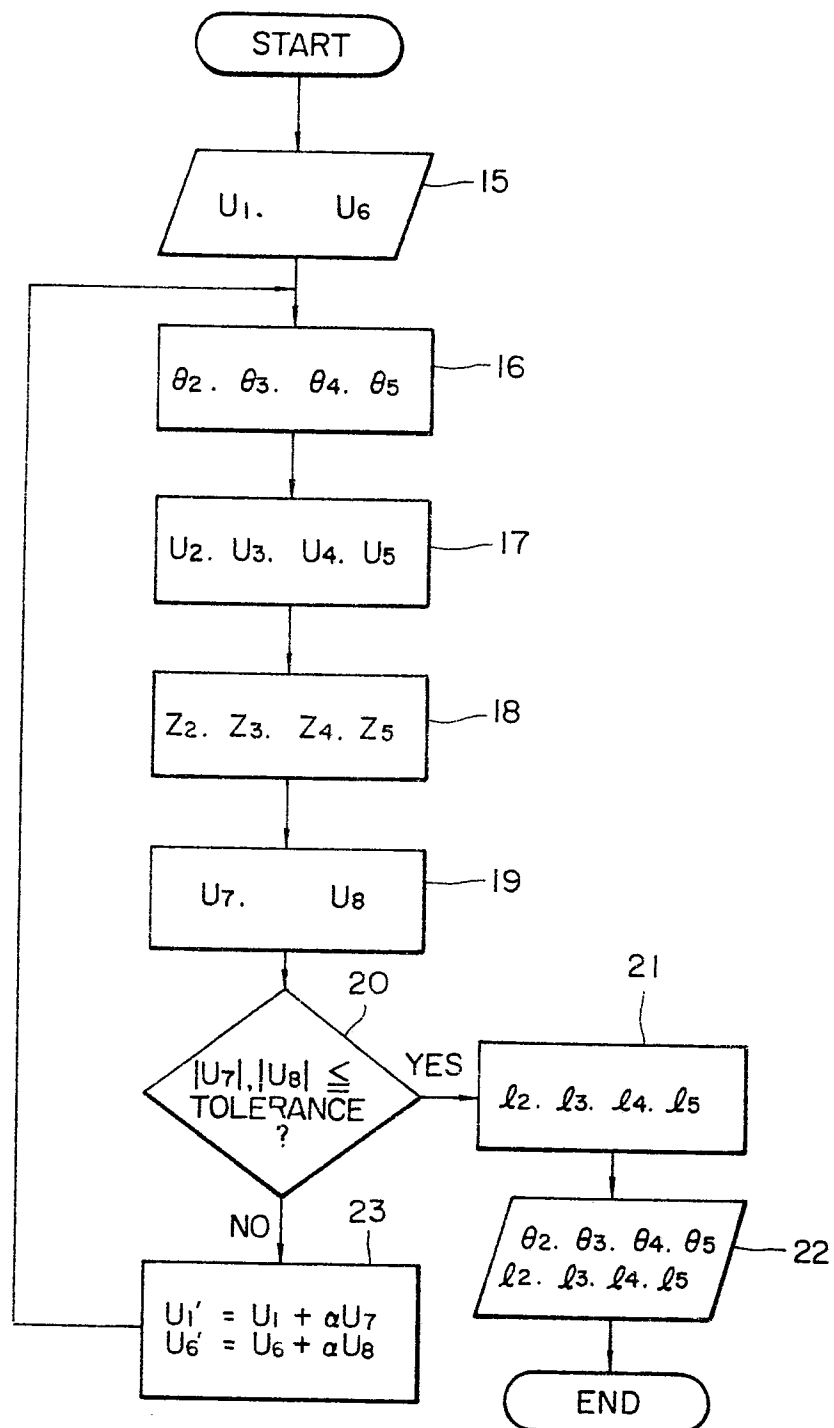


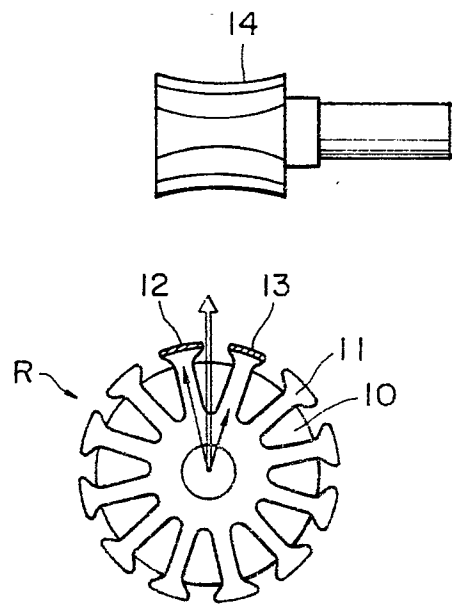
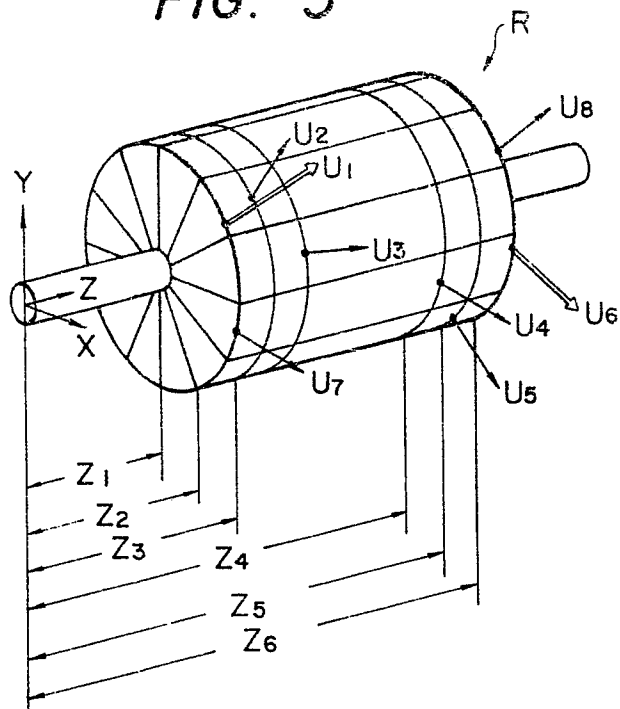
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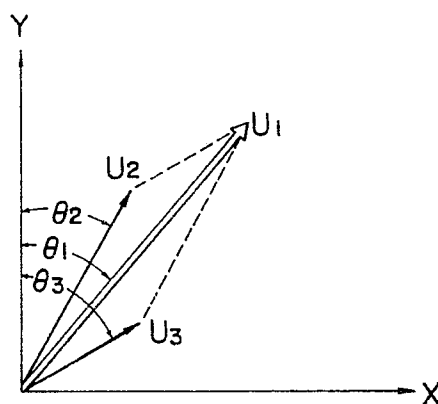


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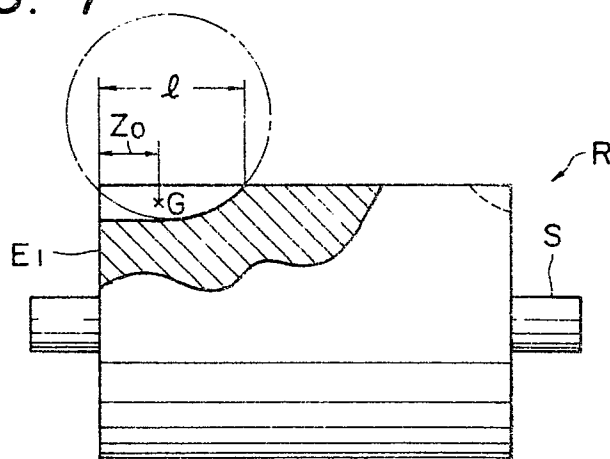


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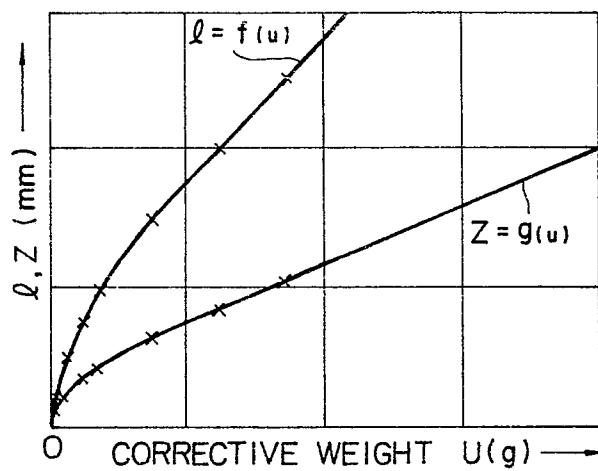


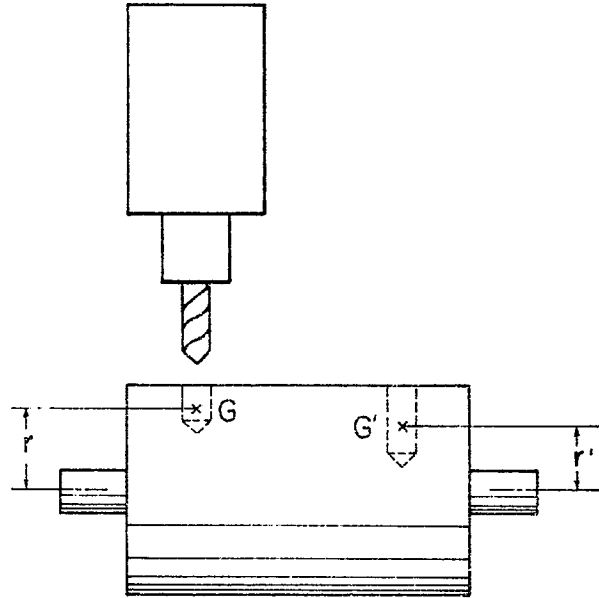
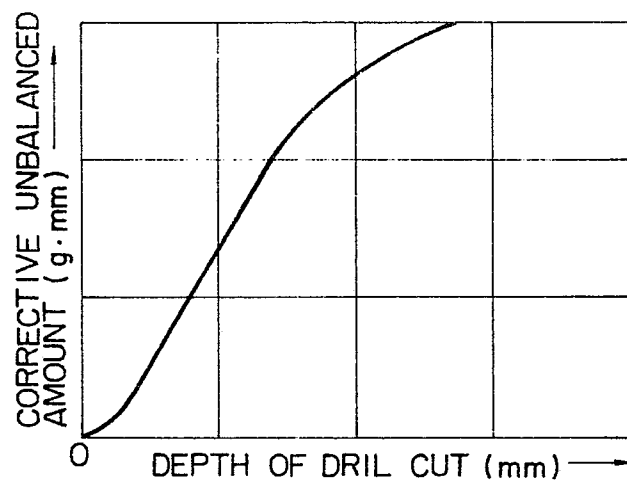
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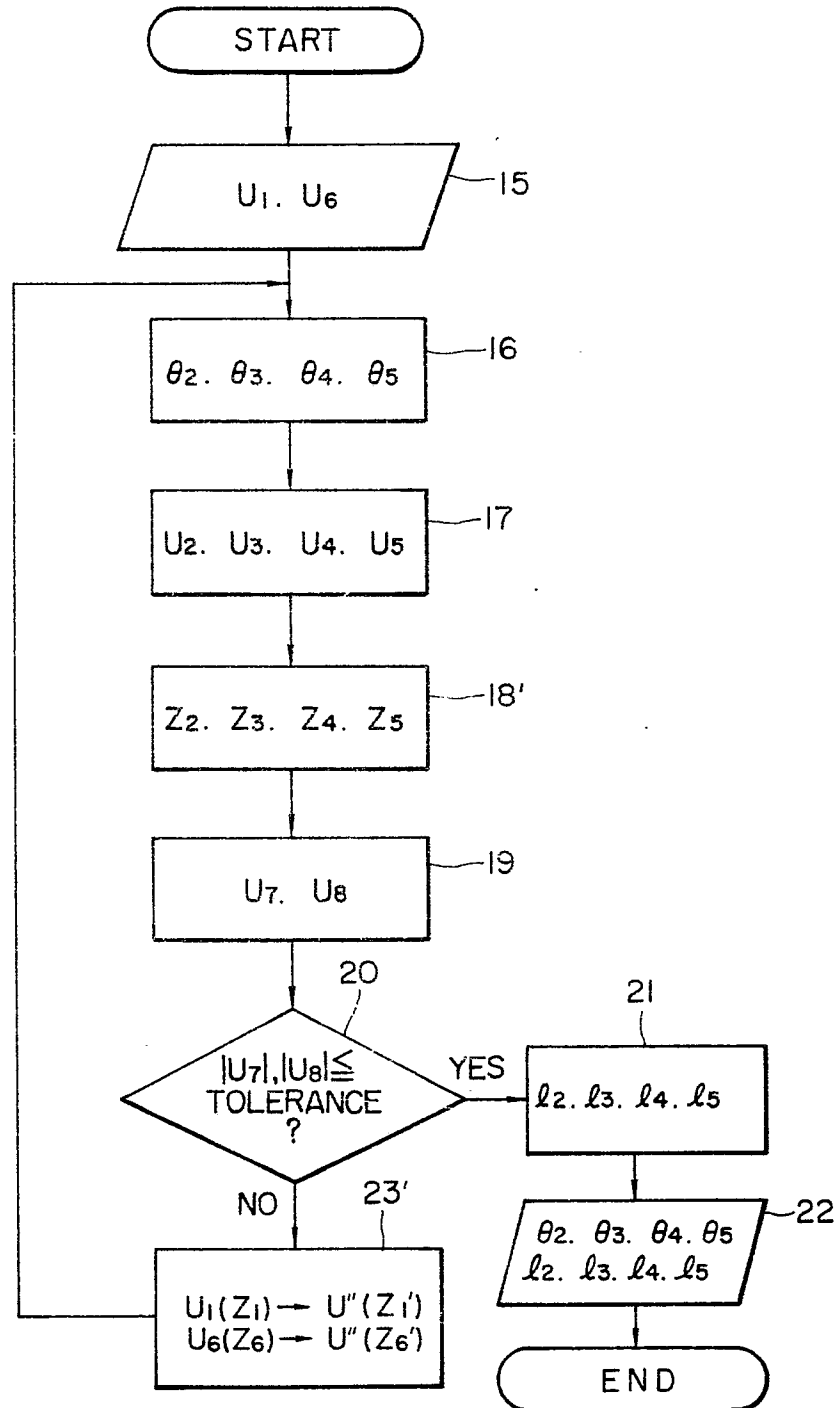


FIG. 12

